

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A vehicle steering wheel $[(1)]$ comprising
a rim $[(2)]$, a signal cap ~~(3)~~ and inside the rim
two upper ~~and two lower~~ spokes $[(4, 5)]$ extending between the rim $[(2)]$ and the
signal cap $[(3)]$, the upper spokes $[(4)]$ extending along ~~the~~ a horizontal symmetry axis
(H-H) of the steering wheel $[(1)]$ towards its ~~centre~~ a center of the wheel, **characterized in**
that,
two lower spokes also extending between the signal cap and the rim, the lower spokes
having an upper edge;
the two lower spokes $[(5)]$ are shaped and positioned to be graspable by a normal man's
hand, ~~that~~ the lower spokes $[(5)]$ extend from positions around the rim $[(2)]$ so that points
 P_1, P_2 that are in line with the upper edge of the respective lower spokes $[(5)]$ on the outer
surface of the rim are located between 30° and 60° below the horizontal symmetry axis $[(H-H)]$
on either side of the vertical symmetry axis $[(V-V)]$ of the steering wheel $[(1)]$, and ~~that~~
the upper edge of the lower spokes ~~(5)~~, ~~which~~ is in line with the respective points P_1, P_2 ~~form~~
and forms an angle (β) of between 62° and 82° with the vertical symmetry axis (V-V) of the
steering wheel, $[(1)]$ and ~~in that~~
a multifunctional switch module ~~(6) with thumb-operated~~ including control buttons $[(7)]$
operable for remote actuation of ~~specific~~ vehicle functions, the module is located ~~symmetrically~~
between the two lower spokes $[(5)]$ beneath the signal cap $[(3)]$, ~~wherein~~ whereby the driver
can operate the module while grasping the lower spokes.
2. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 1, **characterized in that**
wherein the two points P_1, P_2 are situated 40° below the horizontal symmetry axis (H-H) on
either side of the vertical symmetry axis $[(V-V)]$ of the steering wheel $[(1)]$.

3. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim ~~[[1 or]]~~ 2, **characterized in that** wherein the angle (β) from the vertical symmetry axis ~~[[V-V]]~~ of the steering wheel to the respective points P_1, P_2 ~~[[1]]~~ are between 67° and 77° .

4. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 3, **characterized in that** wherein the angle (β) is 72° .

5. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to ~~any of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the lower spokes ~~[[5]]~~ are separated from the upper spokes ~~[[4]]~~ by spaces (8) ~~for receiving~~ shaped to be able to receive a driver's elbows.

6. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to ~~any of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, **characterized in that the** wherein a width ~~[[X]]~~ of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is between 65 mm and 105 mm.

7. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 6, **characterized in that** wherein the width ~~[[X]]~~ of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is approximately 85 mm.

8. (new) The steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein the module is located symmetrically between the two lower spokes.